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1. The principal mission in Moscow of Pietro Secchia, Vice-Secretary of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party), and Arturo Colimbi, member of the PCI Central Committee, was reportedly to discuss the total reorganization of the PCI para-military Apparatus. Besides a vigorous epuration, in this field the PCI will allegedly impose a sharp division from the Partito Socialista Italiano (PSI; Italian Socialist Party), and all matters pertaining to military preparation will pass into the hands of a clandestine Apparatus under the direct control of foreign Cominform agents.
2. It appears that the Cominform has decided to renounce establishing a real military Apparatus in Italy, since the existing one will have to be epurated. It will allegedly no longer be possible for an armed insurrection to take place and the Apparatus will be limited solely to such forces and armament as are necessary to carry out sabotage, strategic occupations, and disturbances which would take place in anticipation of a Soviet invasion of Italy in order to facilitate the military operation of the Soviet troops.
3. In the general strategic plan, Moscow no longer counts on immediate supporting action through a coup d'etat in Italy; hence, it is to the Soviet interest to paralyze Italian action through a prolonged neutrality. On the political level this would mean, according to Moscow directives, that the PCI will still adhere to the line followed by Palmiro Togliatti, PCI Secretary-General, namely, favoring everything which will widen the neutrality front and making every effort to attract even the most heterogeneous forces to that front.
4. According to leading PCI circles, the defections of Aldo Cucchi and Valdo Magnani, instead of causing Togliatti's downfall as expected, have instead strengthened his position. Togliatti has always been opposed to an extensive military Apparatus in Italy and never requested arms, since he felt that the country is not ready for insurrection, but could easily be neutralized by intelligent pacifist propaganda.
5. In line with the above, the PCI's primary target at the present time is the campaign for peace which is translated into a campaign for Italy's neutrality. This is to be an unarmed neutrality, and therefore the PCI,

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in close collaboration with the PSI, must continue to create obstacles to rearmament through industrial sabotage and through the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL; Italian General Confederation of Labor). Except for the military Apparatus, collaboration will continue between the PCI and the PSI, which is to mobilize neutral, rather than Communist, forces.

6. As well as in the military Apparatus, a radical epuration is expected to take place in the PCI secret and intelligence services, which are allegedly infiltrated by deviationist agents. It is this fact which leads to the belief that Senator Umberto Terracini's position has been greatly shaken, since he is responsible for the Party secret services.
7. Pietro Secchia and Luigi Longo will remain nominally at the head of the PCI Apparatus, but it has been alleged that a "Commissar" will be sent either from Moscow or from one of the satellite countries to control both the secret network and the contacts with foreign Communist parties as well as what remains of the military Apparatus.
8. Members of the National Association of Italian Partisans will reportedly pass over to the PSI as a base for the Partisans of Peace Movement, while the PCI will retain under its control a few partisan squads of proven loyalty.
9. On the basis of the above-mentioned directives, the PCI will continue to support every tendency within the CGIL which can be utilized in the service of the campaign for peace and for unarmed neutrality. The most important of these movements is that of "Christians for Work," a movement which unites Catholic workers who are politically oriented toward Communism. These workers strenuously defend syndical unity within the CGIL and, on the political level, support the Partisans of Peace Movement.
10. The PCI Directorate is preparing to replace, with outstanding young men from the cadres, the personnel of those Communist Sections which have not given satisfactory results. These new elements have received orders regarding preparations for a vast mobilization campaign with an eye to future agitations. They have received special instructions to carry out work among Party members or sympathizers who are in the armed forces. The enlisted men are directed to abandon their posts only if explicitly ordered to do so by the Party. Such an order would be issued about two days before the emergency would take place, if leaders judge it advisable. It has been explained to Section leaders that the purpose of this order would be to create a new "8 September 1943", in the hope that the example set by Party members in abandoning their units would be followed by other servicemen, disoriented by external events and by the disintegration of the units to which they no longer belong.

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